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FOR AMBASSADOR ARTHUR A. HARTMAN AND PER/FCA/PAS

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR HARTMAN'S CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION
CEREMONY

1. FRANCOIS-PONCET AND FRENCH CHIEF OF PROTOCOL DE CASTEJA INFORMED ME TODAY THAT PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING WILL RECEIVE AMBASSADOR HARTMAN FOR THE PRESENTATION OF HIS CREDENTIALS ON THURSDAY, JULY 7 AT 3:30 PM. THE ELYSEE IS HOLDING THIS INFORMATION VERY CLOSELY, AND REQUESTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT DO THE SAME TO AVOID GENERATING TOO MANY OTHER AMBASSADORIAL ARRIVALS TO BE ACCOMMODATED.

2. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE NEW SWISS AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE WILL ARRIVE AND PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS AT THE SAME TIME, BUT NO OTHER AMBASSADORS KNOWN TO BE ARRIVING BEFORE JULY 6TH.

3. IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE THE LETTERS OF CREDENCE AND RECALL AND THE TEXT OF THE AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS IN FRENCH AT LEAST ONE DAY IN ADVANCE OF THE CEREMONY.

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THEREFORE, UNLESS AMBASSADOR HARTMAN PLANS TO BRING THEM WITH HIM, PLEASE FORWARD THEM TO EMBASSY PARIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. HERE FOLLOWS THE SCENARIO FOR THE CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION:

A. AS SOON AFTER THE AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL AS POSSIBLE, THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL (DE CASTEJA) PAYS A CALL ON THE AMBASSADOR, WHO GIVES HIM A COPY OF HIS LETTERS OF CREDENCE IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO BE RECEIVED BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS BEFORE THE CEREMONY.

B. THE NEW AMBASSADOR ARRANGES FOR THE FRENCH TEXT OF HIS REMARKS, WHICH MUST BE NOT MORE THAN TWO PAGES IN LENGTH AND WHICH ARE NOT SPOKEN BUT ARE SIMPLY PROVIDED IN ADVANCE, TO BE SENT TO THE OFFICE OF PROTOCOL. HE INDICATES WHICH LANGUAGE HE PREFERS TO USE IN MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT AND ALSO INDICATES WHERE HE WISHES TO BE PICKED UP ON THE DAY OF THE CEREMONY TO BE TAKEN TO THE ELYSEE PALACE (THE RESIDENCE OR THE CHANCERY).

C. ON THE DAY OF THE CEREMONY, A PROTOCOL OFFICER COMES TO PICK UP THE NEW AMBASSADOR AT THE DESIGNATED PLACE. THERE WILL BE TWO CARS FROM THE PRESIDENCY, ACCOMPANIED BY A MOTORCYCLE ESCORT.

D. THE AMBASSADOR ENTERS THE FIRST CAR WITH THE PROTOCOL OFFICER. THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AND ONE OTHER MEMBER OF THE EMBASSY (MINISTER ROBERT HARLAN OR DEFENSE ATTACHE) FOLLOW IN THE SECOND CAR. DRESS IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DARK BUSINESS SUIT.

E. THE CORTEGE ENTERS THE COURTYARD OF THE ELYSEE PALACE BY THE GATE ON THE FAUBOURG SAINT-HONORE. IT PASSES, WITHOUT STOPPING, IN FRONT OF A COMPANY OF INFANTRY WITH DRUMS AND BUGLES, WHICH WILL PLAY RUFFLES AND FLOURISHES.

F. THE AMBASSADOR IS GREETED AT THE FRONT STEPS OF THE ELYSEE PALACE BY THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AND THE MILITARY COMMANDER OF THE ELYSEE PALACE, WHO ESCORT HIM TO THE FIRST FLOOR AND ACCOMPANY HIM TO THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT. THE PRESIDENT RECEIVES HIM WITH THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AT HIS SIDE AND, BEHIND HIM, TWO MEMBERS OF HIS CIVILIAN STAFF (GENERALLY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PRESIDENCY OR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL, AND THE DIPLOMATIC COUNSELOR OR HIS DEPUTY).

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G. THE CHIEF OF STATE WILL BE STANDING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROOM. THE AMBASSADOR, AFTER A SIMPLE BOW OF HIS HEAD, PLACES HIMSELF A FEW PACES IN FRONT OF THE PRESIDENT, WITH HIS BACK TO THE WINDOWS AND WITH THE TWO MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF BEHIND HIM. THE AMBASSADOR GIVES HIS LETTERS OF CREDENCE TO THE PRESIDENT, ACCOMPANYING THIS GESTURE WITH A FEW WORDS.

H. THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC THEN GIVES THE LETTERS TO HIS AIDE DE CAMP, SHAKES HANDS WITH THE AMBASSADOR AND PRESENTS TO HIM THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE MEMBERS OF HIS CIVILIAN AND MILITARY STAFFS. IN TURN, THE AMBASSADOR PRESENTS HIS COLLEAGUES, PHOTOGRAPHS ARE TAKEN, THE AMBASSADOR STANDING TO THE RIGHT OF THE PRESIDENT. THEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE AMBASSADOR RETIRE TO THE END OF THE ROOM FOR A PRIVATE CONVERSATION, DURING WHICH TIME THE AMBASSADOR'S COLLEAGUES SPEAK WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENT'S STAFFS.

I. AT THE END OF THE CEREMONY, THE AMBASSADOR IS ACCOMPANIED BACK TO HIS CAR BY THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AND THE MILITARY COMMANDER OF THE ELYSEE PALACE. HE
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RETURNS TO HIS RESIDENCE WITH THE PROTOCOL OFFICER

WHO ACCOMPANIED HIM ON HIS ARRIVAL. HIS TWO COLLEAGUES
FOLLOW IN THE SECOND CAR. AT HIS RESIDENCE HE WILL
OFFER THE PROTOCOL OFFICER AND HIS COLLEAGUES A
CELEBRATORY GLASS OF CHAMPAGNE REGARDLESS OF THE
RELATIVE POSITION OF THE SUN AND THE YARD ARM.
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